

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-56 were pending at the time of the Office Action. Claims 1, 10, 16, 23, 29, 38, 44, and 51 are hereby amended, and claims 9, 22, 37, and 50 are canceled. Claims 1-8, 10-21, 23-36, 38-49, and 51-56 remain pending.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for designing a wiring harness assembly for a system, the method comprising:

selecting an overall system and parameters for which a wiring harness assembly is desired;

automatically extracting wiring data from wiring harness installation models for a plurality of zones of the system;

reconciling wiring connections between the wiring harness installation models, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections comprises interrogating connections for points with wire harness assemblies that are greater than a predefined trapping distance from a harness centerline element; and

automatically generating at least one wiring harness assembly model from the wiring data extracted from the wiring harness installation models.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the wiring harness installation models are created in a computer aided three-dimensional interactive application.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the computer aided three-dimensional interactive application generates the wiring data in a standard data format.

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4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the standard data format includes one of standard for the exchange of product model data and initial graphics exchange specification.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections is performed automatically by correlating data extracted from wiring harness installation models.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections is performed according to a modifiable reconciling parameter list.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, wherein the reconciling parameter list at least one of a trapping tolerance, an association tolerance, and a separate layers bundling option.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections that are not automatically reconcilable is performed manually by a user.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 1~~ A method for designing a wiring harness assembly for a system, the method comprising:

selecting an overall system and parameters for which a wiring harness assembly is desired;

automatically extracting wiring data from wiring harness installation models for a plurality of zones of the system;

reconciling wiring connections between the wiring harness installation models,

wherein the reconciling of wiring connections further comprises interrogating connections for at least one of curves that are not broken at the junction of at least three curves, wire harness centerline curves which are exact duplicates of each other, wire harness centerline lines which are exact duplicates of each other, and connections that are shorter than a predefined length; and

automatically generating at least one wiring harness assembly model from the wiring data extracted from the wiring harness installation models.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the generating of the wiring harness assembly model includes generating a two-dimensional model of the wiring harness assembly.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the generating of the wiring harness assembly model is performed according to a generating parameter list customizable by a user.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein the generating parameter list includes at least one of a create local data table option, a generate bundle request data file, and an extract bundles option.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising generating a searchable processing report describing the generating of the at least one wiring harness assembly model.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein the generating of the searchable processing report model is performed according to a report parameter list customizable by a user.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for designing a wiring harness assembly for a system, the method comprising:

selecting an overall system and parameters for which a wiring harness assembly is desired;

automatically extracting wiring data from wiring harness installation models for a plurality of zones of the system;

automatically reconciling wiring connections between the wiring harness installation models by automatically correlating data extracted from wiring harness installation models, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections comprises interrogating connections for points with wire harness assemblies that are greater than a predefined trapping distance from a harness centerline element;

eliciting user input to manually reconcile connections not automatically reconcilable; and

automatically generating at least one two-dimensional wiring harness assembly model from the wiring data extracted from the wiring harness installation models.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the wiring harness installation models are created in a computer aided three-dimensional interactive application.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17, wherein the computer aided three-dimensional interactive application generates the wiring data in a standard data format.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the standard data format includes one of standard for the exchange of product model data and initial graphics exchange specification.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections is performed according to a modifiable reconciling parameter list.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein the reconciling parameter list includes at least one of a trapping tolerance, an association tolerance, and a separate layers bundling option.

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23. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 16~~ A method for designing a wiring harness assembly for a system, the method comprising:

selecting an overall system and parameters for which a wiring harness assembly is desired;

automatically extracting wiring data from wiring harness installation models for a plurality of zones of the system;

automatically reconciling wiring connections between the wiring harness installation models by automatically correlating data extracted from wiring harness installation models, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections further comprises interrogating connections for at least one of curves that are not broken at the junction of at least three curves, wire harness centerline curves which are exact duplicates of each other, wire harness centerline lines which are exact duplicates of each other, and connections that are shorter than a predefined length;  
eliciting user input to manually reconcile connections not automatically reconcilable;  
and

automatically generating at least one two-dimensional wiring harness assembly model from the wiring data extracted from the wiring harness installation models.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the generating of the wiring harness assembly model includes generating a two-dimensional model of the wiring harness assembly.

25. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the generating of the wiring harness assembly model is performed according to a generating parameter list customizable by a user.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, wherein the generating parameter list includes at least one of a create local data table option, a generate bundle request data file, and an extract bundles option.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising generating a searchable processing report describing the generating of the at least one wiring harness assembly model.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 27, wherein the generating of the searchable processing report model is performed according to a report parameter list customizable by a user.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium for designing a wiring harness assembly for a system, the computer-readable medium comprising:

first computer program code means for selecting an overall system and parameters for which a wiring harness assembly is desired;

second computer program code means for automatically extracting wiring data from wiring harness installation models for a plurality of zones of the system;

third computer program code means for reconciling wiring connections between the wiring harness installation models, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections comprises interrogating connections for points with wire harness assemblies that are greater than a predefined trapping distance from a harness centerline element;  
and

fourth computer program code means for automatically generating at least one wiring harness assembly model from the wiring data extracted from the wiring harness installation models.

30. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, wherein the wiring harness installation models are created in a computer aided three-dimensional interactive application.

31. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 30, wherein the computer aided three-dimensional interactive application generates the wiring data in a standard data format.

32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 31, wherein the standard data format includes one of standard for the exchange of product model data and initial graphics exchange specification.

33. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, further comprising fourth computer program code means for automatically reconciling the wiring connections by correlating data extracted from wiring harness installation models.

34. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 33, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections is performed according to a modifiable reconciling parameter list.

35. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 34, wherein the reconciling parameter list includes at least one of a trapping tolerance, an association tolerance, and a separate layers bundling option.

36. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 33, further comprising fifth computer program code means for eliciting input from a user for manually reconciling of wiring connections that are not automatically reconcilable.

37. (Canceled)



38. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer-readable medium of Claim 29~~ A computer-readable medium for designing a wiring harness assembly for a system, the computer-readable medium comprising:

first computer program code means for selecting an overall system and parameters for which a wiring harness assembly is desired;

second computer program code means for automatically extracting wiring data from wiring harness installation models for a plurality of zones of the system;

third computer program code means for reconciling wiring connections between the wiring harness installation models, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections further comprises interrogating connections for at least one of curves that are not broken at the junction of at least three curves, wire harness centerline curves which are exact duplicates of each other, wire harness centerline lines which are exact duplicates of each other, and connections that are shorter than a predefined length; and

fourth computer program code means for automatically generating at least one wiring harness assembly model from the wiring data extracted from the wiring harness installation models.

39. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, wherein the generating of the wiring harness assembly model includes generating a two-dimensional model of the wiring harness assembly.

40. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, wherein the generating of the wiring harness assembly model is performed according to a generating parameter list customizable by a user.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 41, wherein the generating parameter list includes at least one of a create local data table option, a generate bundle request data file, and an extract bundles option.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, further comprising sixth computer program code means for generating a searchable processing report describing the generating of the at least one wiring harness assembly model.

43. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 42, wherein the generating of the searchable processing report model is performed according to a report parameter list customizable by a user.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium for designing a wiring harness assembly for a system, the computer-readable medium comprising:

first computer program code means for selecting an overall system and parameters for which a wiring harness assembly is desired;

second computer program code means for automatically extracting wiring data from wiring harness installation models for a plurality of zones of the system;

third computer program code means for automatically reconciling wiring connections between the wiring harness installation models by automatically correlating data extracted from wiring harness installation models, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections further comprises interrogating connections for points with wire harness assemblies that are greater than a predefined trapping distance from a harness centerline element;

fourth computer program code means for eliciting user input to manually reconcile connections not automatically reconcilable; and

fifth computer program code means for automatically generating at least one two-dimensional wiring harness assembly model from the wiring data extracted from the wiring harness installation models.

45. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 44, wherein the wiring harness installation models are created in a computer aided three-dimensional interactive application.

46. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 45, wherein the computer aided three-dimensional interactive application generates the wiring data in a standard data format.

47. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 46, wherein the standard data format includes one of standard for the exchange of product model data and initial graphics exchange specification.

48. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 44, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections is performed according to a modifiable reconciling -parameter list.

49. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 48, wherein the reconciling parameter list includes at least one of a trapping tolerance, an association tolerance, and a separate layers bundling option.

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51. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer-readable medium of Claim 44~~ A computer-readable medium for designing a wiring harness assembly for a system, the computer-readable medium comprising:

first computer program code means for selecting an overall system and parameters for which a wiring harness assembly is desired;

second computer program code means for automatically extracting wiring data from wiring harness installation models for a plurality of zones of the system;

third computer program code means for automatically reconciling wiring connections between the wiring harness installation models by automatically correlating data extracted from wiring harness installation models, wherein the reconciling of wiring connections further comprises interrogating connections for at least one of curves that are not broken at the junction of at least three curves, wire harness centerline curves which are exact duplicates of each other, wire harness centerline lines which are exact duplicates of each other, and connections that are shorter than a predefined length;

fourth computer program code means for eliciting user input to manually reconcile connections not automatically reconcilable; and

fifth computer program code means for automatically generating at least one two-dimensional wiring harness assembly model from the wiring data extracted from the wiring harness installation models.

52. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 44, wherein the generating of the wiring harness assembly model includes generating a two-dimensional model of the wiring harness assembly.

53. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 44, wherein the generating of the wiring harness assembly model is performed according to a generating parameter list customizable by a user.

54. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 53, wherein the generating parameter list includes at least one of a create local data table option, a generate bundle request data file, and an extract bundles option.

55. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 44, further comprising fifth computer program code means for generating a searchable processing report describing the generating of the at least one wiring harness assembly model.

56. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 55, wherein the generating of the searchable processing report model is performed according to a report parameter list customizable by a user.